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MEMORANDUM TO DIRECTOR, CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

ATTENTION: Executive for A & M

Subject: Procurement of Equipment - Navy Type RG-88/U Cable
and Accessories - at Estimated Cost of \$38,000.

1. Authority is requested for the immediate purchase of an additional 27,000 feet of RG-88/U co-axial cable and associated accessories required in the construction of projected FBIS antenna systems.

2. Purchase at this time is necessary for the following reasons:

a. The manufacturer of the subject cable is soon to discontinue production of this product because all orders on hand will have been filled. It is reported that the cable making machinery will then be dismantled, and subsequent orders would entail high re-tooling costs.

b. Navy Department is increasingly reluctant to divert portions of its stock to FBIS needs.

3. This purchase, together with cable on hand and on order, will be sufficient to equip projected FBIS stations (in Cyprus, East Coast and Far East), to provide approximately 18,000 feet of stock for repair, replacement and foreseen possible expansion before the subject product or equivalents are again available.

4. The Signal Property Officer assures that warehousing space will be available.

5. Budget and Finance Branch has indicated informally that funds are available for this purchase during the current fiscal year.

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